



Funding summary report
North West Chilterns Community Board
3rd November 2021

This paper provides a summary of the funding applications received, considered and approved since the last Community Board meeting on 20th July 2021.

Community Board Budget Overview

The table below details the current budget position for the North West Chilterns Community Board.

Community Board Fund 2021/22	Total Project Costs as at 26 th October 2021	Funding allocated to date (Funding approved only)	Remaining budget as at 26 th October 2021
£353,324	£41,332	£22,346	£330,978

Funding Applications Status Summary

Funding applications that have been received by the North West Chilterns Community Board and their current status are detailed in the table.

Funding applications received between 21 st July and 26 th October 2021				
Organisation	Project title and description	Amount of funding requested from Community Board	Amount of contributory funding	Community Board funding recommendation
Stokenchurch Parish Council	Feasibility Study	£2,511	£2,511	Approved
Princes Risborough Town Council	Resurfacing of National Ridgeway Trail (Upper Icknield Way)	£9,650	£3,220	Approved

Funding applications received between 21st July and 26th October 2021

Organisation	Project title and description	Amount of funding requested from Community Board	Amount of contributory funding	Community Board funding recommendation
Princes Risborough Town Council	Improvements to fitness equipment in local park	£5,000	£3,500	Approved
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Princes Risborough with Ilmer	Parent and Toddler Group - Play Café	£5,185	£2,280	Approved
Bucks Mind	Mental Health First Aider Project	£2,970	£0	Pending
Princes Risborough Town Council	Christmas Lights Switch On Event/Day	£4,505	£0	Pending



North West Chilterns Community Board Action Plan

Introduction

Community Boards are at the heart of the council's ambition to be a council that understands and responds to the needs of our communities – empowering and enabling them to come together with the council and the people, organisations and groups that have the skills and passion to make changes and improve things where they live.

Community Boards provide the opportunity to refocus, and reinvigorate how we all – the council, partners, residents, charities, businesses and community organisations – work together for the benefit of Buckinghamshire. We share the common goal to improve the lives of the people who live and work in Buckinghamshire and there's no doubt that we are stronger, better and more effective in doing that when doing it together.

The North West Chilterns Community Board covers the following town and parish areas:

- Bledlow-cum-Saunderton
- Bradenham
- Downley
- Ellesborough
- Great and Little Hampden
- Great and Little Kimble
- Hughenden
- Lacey Green
- Longwick-cum-Ilmer
- Piddington and Wheeler End
- Princes Risborough

- Radnage
- Stokenchurch
- West Wycombe

This action plan sets out how the North West Chilterns Community Board (NWCCB) will work with the local community to address community priorities and take action on local issues.

The NWCCB will address those matters that mean the most to our local community, using data and local intelligence to help it determine the priorities our board will focus on. We will involve residents, partners, local groups and organisations in understanding what the local issues and priorities are.

Furthermore, the board will link those local issues to our corporate priorities around improving the environment and supporting economic recovery, including activities around transport and road issues and community resilience, which for example, will look at ways it can support our young and older people and implement preventive measures around crime and antisocial behaviour.

These priorities will help us determine where we take action and allocate funding to improve the local area. An overview of each one is detailed in the section below.

The overall aims of the NWCCB are therefore:

- To develop good working relationships with the community to understand and address local issues.
- To understand what is important to the community board area.
- To develop action groups to explore key areas of focus and identify how to take action as a community.
- To identify opportunities and projects that meet the community board priorities for funding.
- To promote the community board and the community board fund to the local community and encourage engagement.
- To support the council in delivering strategic priorities at a local level.

Community Board Priorities for 2021/22

Community Resilience: To support the community around physical, behavioural, social and environmental health and wellbeing, as well as crime and antisocial behaviour.

Economic Regeneration: To support businesses, organisations and individuals by evaluating their needs to improve economic competitiveness and prosperity.

Environmental and Climate Change: To encourage schemes and initiatives that have a sustainable and lasting effect on the North West Chilterns, improving the built or rural environment and promoting environmental responsibility and the awareness of the impacts of climate change.

Transport and Road Issues: To work on local issues and initiatives to improve road safety, cycling and walking. To address specific parking, speeding and highways issues and support broader objectives to help reduce carbon emissions from transport.

Community Board Action Plan - Tasks

Aim	Action	Proposed completion date	Lead	Progress update / completion date
Develop good working relationships with the community to understand and address local issues				
Raise the profile of the Board locally and encourage active engagement from local residents and stakeholders.	Develop a communications and engagement plan.	29.10.21	Jackie Binning	
	Set up a newsletter to ensure local residents and community groups are aware of community board activity and how to get involved.	29.10.21	Jackie Binning	
	Develop NWCCB Facebook page.	30.07.21	Jackie Binning	30.07.21

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	Update the NWCCB page of the BC website.	29.10.21	Jackie Binning	
	Initiate a programme of meetings with community groups, town and parish councils.	29.10.21	Jackie Binning	
	Engage with local publications to promote the work of the boards (publication 1)	30.09.21	Jackie Binning	30.07.21
	Engage with local publications to promote the work of the boards (publication 2)	26.11.21	Jackie Binning	
	Attend local engagement events to promote the board and encourage involvement and project ideas	Ongoing	Jackie Binning	Speen Event – 03.07.21 Kop Hill Climb Event – 25/26.09.21
Agree the areas of focus for the NWCCB.	Identify the priority areas for each action group agreed.	30.09.21	Gary Hall	20.07.21
Priority: Community Resilience				
Understand local issues and agree priority objectives / aims.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up action group and invite key community groups and residents. • Agree the frequency of action group meetings. • Create a plan to progress priority actions. 	30.09.21	Jackie Binning	08.09.21

Aim	Action	Proposed completion date	Lead	Progress update / completion date
Agreed objectives:				
Road safety around antisocial behaviour (this may at times link with the Transport and Road Issues Action Group).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain information from Town and Parish Councils on crime and antisocial behaviour in their area/s. • Housing Associations to provide information on known crime and antisocial behaviour. • Obtain data from Community Safety (invite to the action group). • Obtain data from Thames Valley Police (invite to the action group). • Agree next steps. <p>Note: please see section below under social isolation / loneliness etc.</p>	30.11.21	Jackie Binning	
To consider drug issues within County lines, drug trafficking in rural and urban areas.				
To consider matters around exploitation, including domestic violence, modern slavery, young person's grooming, and school children used as drug runners or mules.				
To consider matters around rural crime.				
To evaluate solutions around cons and scams	Partner with Trading Standards and Thames Valley Police – invite to action group.	30.11.21	Jackie Binning	
	Agree next steps.	30.11.21	Valerie McPherson	
To train and educate young people who are at risk of offending/reoffending.	Consider Community Cop Cards (initiative in educating young people at school).	30.12.21	Valerie McPherson	

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	Agree other solutions (if required) and support projects and initiatives that help address the above issues.	30.12.21	Valerie McPherson	
	To arrange for Transitions UK to present the impact of the current mentoring of young people project the Community Board are funding at the board meeting on 03.02.22.	03.02.22	Jackie Binning	
To consider issues around social isolation and loneliness, dementia, disability and food poverty (detailed in our Public Health profile).	<p>Projects to be agreed – could include: (Note: some the ideas below like Garden projects, Farm visits, walking the countryside and themed workshops may also address some of the above aims where young people in particular can get involved in constructive projects in their spare time, helping to change bad habits/mindset)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Happy to chat and/or Friendly Benches. • Talking Cafes (could be themed). • Run a themed workshop ie crafting, music, gardening, cooking etc.) • The Big Lunch. • Farm visits (target young people). • Garden projects. • Walking the Countryside. 	30.11.21	Valerie McPherson	

Aim	Action	Proposed completion date	Lead	Progress update / completion date
Support local projects and initiatives that address our community resilience priority.	To consider local project ideas and funding applications to the board that help improve community resilience.	Ongoing	Valerie McPherson	
Priority: Economic Regeneration				
Understand local issues and agree priority objectives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up action group and invite key community groups and residents etc. • Agree the frequency of action group meetings. • Create a plan to progress priority actions. 	30.09.21	Jackie Binning	01.09.21
Agreed objectives:				
To support recovery after COVID-19	To submit ideas to the Welcome Back Fund.	30.12.21	Matthew Walsh	
	Consider Board funding for those ideas that do not meet the Welcome Back funding criteria.	28.02.22	Matthew Walsh	
Regeneration – to encourage pubs (including community assets) and businesses (large and small) to be diverse and interesting.	Support all businesses that the group are made aware of to survive and prosper. Action to be agreed on an ad hoc basis.	Ongoing	Matthew Walsh	
	To work with Risborough Basket to develop their service outside the Risborough area.	30.12.21	Matthew Walsh	

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To innovate 'start up' businesses. To encourage innovation around people transformation.	Projects to be agreed (applications received from Bucks Business First to be reviewed).	30.12.21	Matthew Walsh	
To promote retailers and market traders to work together.	Projects to be agreed	31.03.22	Matthew Walsh	
To consider gigabit broadband to villages in the community.	To work with Town and Parish Councils to define the areas where Broadband needs to be improved.	31.03.22	Matthew Walsh	
	Where improvement is required, adopt the required solution/s.	31.03.21	Matthew Walsh	
Support local projects and initiatives that improve economic recovery and prosperity locally	To consider project ideas and funding applications that seek to support and address economic regeneration.	Ongoing	Matthew Walsh	
Priority: Environmental and Climate Change				
Understand local issues and agree priority objectives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up action group and invite key community groups and residents etc. • Agree the frequency of action group meetings. • Create a plan to progress priority actions. 	30.09.21	Jackie Binning	18.08.21

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Agreed objectives:				
To seek schemes and initiatives that had a sustainable and lasting effect on the North West Chilterns area and help achieve the Council's Climate Change and Air Quality Strategy.	Wildflower planting in meadows and Brownfield sites: To agree partners and locations to plant wildflowers within the board area.	31.12.21	Robert Carington	
	To agree project proposal on pollinator patches and pots with schools, residents and public spaces.	31.01.22	Robert Carington	
	Tree planting in streets and public spaces: To agree suitable locations with Town and Parish Council's (if interested).	31.12.21	Robert Carington	
	To investigate the suitability of the Communi-tree project managed by Chesham Town Council.	31.12.21	Robert Carington	
	To consider the Chalks, Cherries and Chairs project with Chiltern Rangers.	31.12.21	Robert Carington	Met on 22.10.21 – we now await proposal from CR
	Plant a Tree for Jubilee: To consider the corporate initiative on this scheme and agree next steps.	31.12.21	Robert Carington	
	Promote the safety issues around the use of lithium batteries. Information gathering: To invite a Fire Fighter to a future meeting to discuss the dangers of using lithium batteries.	31.12.21	Jackie Binning	

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	To invite someone from the Motor Vehicle Association to present the current battery technology.	31.12.21	Jackie Binning	
	To agree the format and comms channels to promote this subject matter.	31.03.21	Robert Carington	
Support projects and initiatives that benefit, promote and address the environment and climate change.	To consider project ideas and funding applications that support/address environmental and climate change.	Ongoing	Robert Carington	
	To continue to work with Buckinghamshire Community Energy to promote environmental solutions and obtain potential funding applications.	Ongoing	Jackie Binning	
	To build a partnership with the Low Carbon Workspace Team to promote environmental solutions and obtain potential funding applications.	Ongoing	Jackie Binning	
Priority: Transport and Road Issues				
Understand local issues and agree priority objectives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up action group and invite key community groups and residents etc. 	30.09.21	Jackie Binning	04.08.21

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree the frequency of action group meetings. Create a plan to progress priority actions. 			
Agreed objectives:				
Local schemes for next year 2022/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Town and Parish Council's to submit applications for September 2021 deadline. Review PIDs in January 2022 and agree projects the CB will fund next year? 	30.09.21 31.03.22	Jackie Binning	30.09.21
Initiate areas of focus around road safety, cycling, walking, highway issues and objectives to help reduce carbon emissions from transport. Review highways issues (ie parking and speeding) that are important to local people. All actions detailed below are linked to this aim.	To implement the draft A4010 Strategy. Agree with Buckinghamshire Council and link with Local Transport Plan 5 and the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan.	31.03.22	Jim Stevens	In progress
	To respond to adhoc highways concerns and complaints.	Ongoing	Jim Stevens	On going
	To agree a map of proposed new cycling routes and problem areas and submit to Transport Policy Officers.	31.08.21	Jim Stevens	11.08.21
	To work with Chiltern Railways to improve rail links and rail services.	31.03.22	Jim Stevens	In progress
To promote cycling and cycleways.	When cycle routes agreed, promote through various comms channels.	31.03.22 (may carry forward to 2022/23)	Jackie Binning	

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To review issues relating to HS2	To review HS2 funding applications – agree those that meet the HS2 funding criteria and review those that don't and consider board funding.	31.03.22	Jim Stevens	Nearly completed
	To respond to adhoc HS2 complaints.	Ongoing	Jim Stevens	In progress
To manage petitions received by the NWCCB.	To ensure the correct procedures are followed for petitions submitted to the board.	Ongoing	Jackie Binning	
Adhoc funding applications.	To consider any application in regards to transport and road issues.	Ongoing	Jim Stevens	Ongoing
Work Planning				
To progress the Community Board schedule.	Develop a schedule for Community Board meetings.	30.07.21	Jackie Binning	30.07.21
	Nov 21 meeting - develop a meeting 'theme' and discussions / presentations to be had.	03.11.21	Jackie Binning / Chairman / Vice Chairman	
	Feb 22 - develop a meeting 'theme' and discussions / presentations to be had.	03.02.22	Jackie Binning / Chairman / Vice Chairman	

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	Schedule monthly meetings with Chairman, Vice Chairman and Service Director.	30.07.21	Jackie Binning / Chairman / Vice Chairman / Service Director	23.07.21
	Track and monitor action group tasks and projects.	Ongoing	Jackie Binning	